

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

A core value of democracy is a public sphere in which a broad range of voices can be heard upon any issue. Allowing ownership to become even more narrowly concentrated guarantees our national discourse and agendas will be determined by "monied interests". The FCC is shaming itself by even considering such a move.